

vibrant nightlife, and the Penn Quarter neighborhood, which had limited residential, commercial and retail spaces, and is now a popular mixed-use neighborhood.

Unfortunately, the D.C. tax incentives were allowed to expire before the poorest D.C. neighborhoods were ready to make use of them, especially in Wards 5, 7 and 8. Withdrawing the D.C. tax incentives, particularly after they had proven to be effective, has left the nation's capital with essentially half of a revival, and was tragically timed just as the lower-income parts of the District, which need the incentives most, are ready for redevelopment. The effectiveness of these incentives for the District has been demonstrated and their costs have been de minimis compared to the measurable benefits they have generated in the District.

I strongly urge my colleagues to support this bill.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JODY B. HICE

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 16, 2021

Mr. HICE of Georgia. Madam Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 449.

HONORING SALVATORE J. PONZIO III

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 16, 2021

Mr. RYAN. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor and pay tribute to Salvatore J. Ponzio III, 36, of Girard, who passed away peacefully on Sunday, December 12, 2021, at his home.

Sal was born August 8, 1985, in Youngstown, Ohio, the son of Salvatore J. and Judy (Demas) Ponzio.

Sal was a 2004 graduate of Girard High School, a graduate of Youngstown State Uni-

versity with his bachelor's degree, and a graduate of Kent State University with his MBA.

Sal had worked for Ernst & Young in Cleveland for six years and had previously lived in Rocky River, Ohio. He was a member of St. Rose Church.

Sal loved all kinds of sports, especially golf. He was a personal trainer and had even volunteered for coaching this year for the Girard High School football team. Sal was the author of "F.I.T. Finance," a book which he wrote to help young adults manage their finances.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his parents; grandmother, Regina Demas; brother, Joe (Lucille) Ponzio of Lake Wylie, South Carolina; sister, Gina (Dave) Sherock of Columbus; nephew, Dominic Ponzio; nieces, Lucia and Viviana Ponzio and Carmella Sherock and his loving girlfriend, Alessandra LaMonica. He also leaves aunts, uncles, cousins, and many wonderful friends.

The Girard community is devastated by the loss of this amazing young man. We will all work to make sure he is never forgotten because he set a standard of kindness and compassion for which we all need to strive. God Bless Sal. He left our world a lot better than he found it.